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INTERVENTION

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to Rules 56 and 98, Applicants hereby call the attention of the Patent Office to the reference listed on the attached Form PTO 1449. The English abstract submitted herewith is from DE19823064 A1 and not from DE19823064 C2 that is submitted with this application.

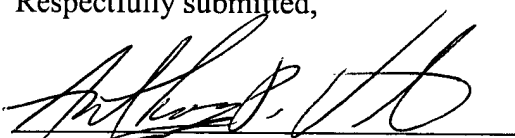
Applicant presents the reference so that the Patent Office may, in the first instance, determine any relevancy thereof to the presently claimed invention, see Beckman Instruments, Inc. v. Chemtronics, Inc., 439 F.2d 1369, 1380, 165 USPQ 355, 364 (5th Cir. 1970). Also see Patent Office Rules 104 and 106. Applicant respectfully requests that the reference be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and made of record herein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue herefrom.

Respectfully submitted,

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